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REPORT NO.1. Dobrilugk-Kirchhain (A05)

Dobrilugk Schloss is occupied by 1,000 armored troops wearing tank insignia. Thirty tanks, T-34/85 and JS-1, are parked in two sheds at the edge of town on the road to Liebenwerda. The troops arrived in December 1948 from the Weisswasser region. No training has been observed. Vehicles: B 3-73 and B 3-74 series.

2. Senftenberg (A54): Held by fifty Komandatura troops.3. Lieberswerda (A53): Komandatura unit of forty men.4. Spremberg (A55)

a. According to three workmen employed there, four of the six large barracks buildings (two are damaged) are occupied by approximately 1,400 tank troops and forty-five T-34/85 tanks are parked in sheds.

b. Townsfolk state that the above unit arrived in Spremberg from Königsbrück during autumn 1948, was shifted to Cottbus, returning to Spremberg in December 1948. Reinforcements have been limited to "a very few recruits".

c. Barracks vehicles: E 2-65, E 2-61-00 to 07, F 4-44-04 to 12, and F 4-43-03 to 08.

5. Weisswasser (A74): Occupied by 100 Komandatura troops. All others were withdrawn in December 1948 and no replacements have turned up.6. G6rlitz (B00): Held by eighty Komandatura troops. No other troops were seen or have been there.

7. Source reports that, except for the few recruits said to have arrived in Spremberg, he found no evidence of new arrivals in this region. It is his impression, based on conversations with various railroad employees, that troop and materiel shipments from Frankfurt/Oder cross this area en route to Central Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt.

§ Comment: This explanation of movement from Spremberg to Cottbus and return seems to clarify a rather involved report from another source of permanent changes in these two towns during December 1948. Cf.

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